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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the Specification as follows:

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the claims pages.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 7, line 1, change, "any of claims 1 to 6" to - -claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, change, "any of claims 1 to 7" to - -claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, change, "any of claims 2 to 8" to - -claim 2--.

Claim 10, line 1, change, "any of claims 2 to 9" to - -claim 2--.

Claim 11, line 1, change, "any of claims 2 to 9" to - -claim 2--.

Claim 13, line 1, change, "any of claims 2 to 9" to - -claim 2--.

Claim 15, line 1, change, "any of claims 2 to 9" to - -claim 2--.

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Claim 17, line 1, change, "Use of an assay according to claims 10 to 16" to - -A method of - - and  
line 2, change, "as described in claim 1" to - -comprising detecting said antibodies in a method of claim 2  
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Claim 23, line 1, delete, "or 22".

Claim 25, line 1, delete, "or 22".

Claim 26, line 1, delete, "or 22" and line 2, delete, "according to claim 21 or 22".

Claim 27, line 1, delete, "or 22" and line 2, delete, "according to claim 26".

Claim 28, line 2, delete, "or 22".

Claim 30, line 1, delete, "or 29".

Claim 31, line 1, delete, "or 29".

Claim 32, line 1, delete, "or 29".

Claim 33, line 1, delete, "or 29".

Claim 35, line 1, delete, "or 29".

#### REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format. The specification has been amended to include a Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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